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1. It is proposed to develop the road Vienna-Schwechat-Bruck a.d. Leitha-Parndorf-Hegyeshalom as the Vienna - Budapest trunk road, in order to avoid passage through Czechoslovak territory. This measure is considered necessary since, as a result of the recent frontier adjustments between Hungary and Czechoslovakia, three villages south of Bratislava on the main road Vienna - Hainburg - Kittsee - Oroszvar - Budapest have been transferred to Czechoslovak sovereignty.
2. Bidding for the contract was started on 19 May 1948 by the Burgenland Provincial Government in Eisenstadt. Sixteen firms competed for the contract. Austrian firms found that their bids were on an average 20 - 30% higher than those of firms under Soviet control (50 - 55 schillings per meter against 40 - 45 schillings). The successful bids were those of the following Soviet-controlled firms: Vianova, Allgemeine Strassenbaugesellschaft Porr A.G., Helmann, Sager und Wornle (sic), and three other unidentified companies.
3. The construction work has been sub-divided into three sectors, each under separate contract, and is due to start immediately on the Nickelsdorf - Zurndorf - Hegyeshalom stretch. It is hoped that the work will be completed this year.
4. The road will be 6 meters wide with a one-meter wide unmetalled shoulder on each side.
5. The construction work will require approximately 1,200 carloads of cement of 10,000 kg each, 18,000 cubic meters of gravel, and approximately 50,000 cubic meters of soil.
6. The cost is estimated at 15,000,000 Austrian schillings.

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